

Newsletter



FAITH

Friday 21st March 2025

Whole School
Attendance

96%

Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

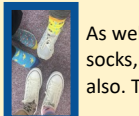
What a lovely week it has been inside and out. It has been lovely to have our Year Six children and Mrs Banister, Miss Wright and Mrs Kelly return to school this week and hear about the wonderful memories that they made last week at the Conway Centre. It filled me with happiness to hear the children share their favourite activities and times away with friends and staff—these experiences bring so much positivity to everyone involved. I hope our Year 6 families have enjoyed hearing the stories and the challenges that they children have faced and embraced. Today, Mrs Bannister awarded all children (and staff) a SHINE award for the contribution that they made last week, to making the week a successful and memorable week for all.



This week, we continued our celebration of Science Week through our continued engagement in our Science curriculum as well as other enriching activities. Our Year 4 children have been busy creating a chemical reaction with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda making their very well made volcanoes erupt—you may have seen the children's wonderful creations outside their classroom. We could hear the excitement from the children, as they engaged in this Science experiment. The children, in Year 4 made their volcanoes during DT week. They have been learning about volcanoes in Geography and also in their Pathway to Write sessions. Year 4 children have also explored creating sounds with different vibrations and the children have made their own musical instruments with bottles. Each bottle had a different amount of water to create higher and lower pitch for their musical performance - lots of examples of cross curricular links. In Year 5, the children, after watching a video about Tim Peake, (the first British astronaut to the visit the ISS) and learning about the vital research he carried out during his 6 months stay on board the International Space Station, carried out an investigation about growing plants in space. The children are exploring how strategies for growing plants on Earth can be adapted for space. They are comparing plants grown under red, blue and yellow filters to a control group with normal light. They will observe any visible differences and measure plant height. Today, we have welcomed all children (and staff) to show their celebration of Science by dressing up. Everyone made such an effort and looked wonderful. The children spent time sharing what or who they had come dressed as which was really interesting. I wonder if you could guess what the staff decided to come as....?



As well as being a celebration of Science today, we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day (and some children came to school wearing colourful socks, with their Science outfits—impressive!). Thank you to all children, who bought a gingerbread sock. Biscuits will be on sale next Monday also. This week is Neurodivergent Week and, as a school, we have celebrated the talents of neurodiverse minds.



I am pleased to share that our sporting success continues. This week, our children from years 3 and 4 participated in a football competition competing against all of the schools in our area. They won every game and were crowned winners overall! Miss Wright said that the standard of play was extremely high and that our pupils really shone—in skill, respectful competitiveness and behaviour. Thank you and well done to all of the boys who represented our school. Thank you to Miss Wright for coaching the team to victory! A special mention to Mr Mills for his hard work and dedication to football and other sports at our school. I know that he is very proud of all sporting achievements and plays a huge part in preparing the children so that they compete to a high standard.

TEAM



It was lovely to be led in prayer by Year 6 children this week during their 'Stay and Pray' session. I encourage you to attend your child's 'Stay and Pray' a peaceful and calming way to start the day. Year 5 children started our Lenten fundraising this week by holding a cake sale. Thank you to all children and family members for baking delicious cakes which were enjoyed by children and staff. Fundraising will continue in the coming weeks.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend—let's hope that the sun continues to shine. Mrs Davies

Important Dates next week...

Tuesday 25th March—Final swimming session for children in Year Three.

Tuesday 25th March—9.30am—Whole school Mass (except Year Three) celebration in church—The Feast of the Annunciation—Please join us if you are able.

Wednesday 26th March—9am—Year 5 children will lead 'Stay and Pray.'

Friday 28th March—9am—SHINE Assembly for Year 4 children and families.

Year Six children—thank you for shining your light and spreading St Winefride's Sparkle in your classroom, in our school and beyond!



Mrs Bannister celebrated Shine Assembly with Year 6 children and their family members today. Well done to all of the children on their awards and well done to Faye, on receiving her headteacher's award and Eli for receiving his core value award. Thank you both for being wonderful role models.



Forest School—Thursday 20th March —Year Four Class —Learning in the Outdoors



Our Year 4 children enjoyed creating aqueducts thinking about how the Romans collected water from mountains and transported it into main cities. This tied in with their learning in Geography about mountains and with their learning in History about The Romans. The children also made Roman coins with clay using knowledge of Roman Numerals to add a date. The children also had the opportunity to create a shrine for a Roman God where they were as creative as possible. Following this, some children made Cupid's Bow and practiced shooting handmade arrows. A wonderful session in our outdoors!



Forest School sessions

Thursday 25th March 2025 —Forest school session for children in Year Three. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed wearing Forest School clothing.